

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2012-035)
Ricky D. Martin,)
Respondent.)
State Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)
_____)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DISMISSAL ORDER

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COMMISSION

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the State Ethics Commission on October 27, 2011. On March 21, 2012, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2011), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above-captioned complaint charging the Respondent, Ricky D. Martin, with violation of Section 8-13-1308(D).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent Ricky D. Martin, was a candidate for Clinton Town Council in an election held on March 10, 2009. He was required to file a pre-election Campaign Disclosure form fifteen days before the election. The only address the Commission had for Respondent was the one he provided in his Statement of Economic Interests form. That correspondence was returned. A new address was found, but that is no longer valid. The Notice of Hearing was sent to the addresses and returned, both certified and first class. A computer search produced no results for addresses in South Carolina.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, Respondent Ricky D. Martin was a candidate as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-1308 requires a candidate to file a pre-election Campaign Disclosure form fifteen days before the election.

DECISION

Due to the Commission's inability to serve a Notice of Hearing on Respondent, a hearing cannot be scheduled until Respondent is located. Accordingly the State Ethics Commission dismisses the complaint without prejudice. If an address is located for Respondent, he will be served a Notice of Hearing and this matter will be returned to the Hearing Docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF July, 2012.
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


HEARING CHAIRMAN

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA